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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE TO THE  
PRESIDENT FROM LEBANESE PRESIDENT SARKIS

1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM PRESIDENT  
SARKIS FOR PRESIDENT CARTER:

QUOTE: THE PRESIDENT, THE WHITE HOUSE

IN THIS MEMORABLE DAY CELEBRATING THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE  
UNITED STATES IT GIVES ME A GREAT PLEASURE TO CONVEY THE  
SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS AND ALL THE BEST WISHES THAT THE  
LEBANESE PEOPLE AND MYSELF FORMULATE TO YOU AND TO THE  
AMERICAN NATION STOP I AVAIL MYSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY  
TO EXPRESS OUR PROFOUND GRATITUDE FOR THE SUPPORT THAT YOU  
HAVE PROVIDED OUR ENDEAVOURS IN THE PROCESS OF THE REUNI-  
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FICATION OF OUR COUNTRY AND OUR OBJECTIVES TO SAFEGUARD ITS  
INDEPENDENCE SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY IN THE  
FRAMEWORK OF FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY WHICH HAS CHARACTERIZED  
THE POLITICAL SYSTEM OF LEBANON STOP WE PRAY FOR THE SUCCESS  
OF YOUR EFFORTS AIMING TO ACHIEVE A JUST AND LASTING PEACE  
IN THE MIDDLE EAST WHICH WOULD GREATLY CONTRIBUTE IN THE  
PACIFICATION AND THE STABILITY OF LEBANON. ELIAS SARKIS,

PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC. END QUOTE.

2. FOLLOWING RESPONSE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER SHOULD BE  
DELIVERED TO PRESIDENT SARKIS:

BEGIN TEXT:

HIS EXCELLENCY  
ELIAS SARKIS,  
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LEBANON

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, I WISH TO THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS ON THE ANNI-  
VERSARY OF OUR NATION'S INDEPENDENCE. YOUR RESOLVE TO  
SAFEGUARD THE INDEPENDENCE, UNITY, AND TERRITORIAL  
INTEGRITY OF LEBANON HAS OUR SUPPORT, AND I CAN ASSURE YOU  
THAT NOTHING WILL WEAKEN OUR COMMITMENT TO THE SEARCH FOR  
A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. WE EXTEND  
TO YOU AND THE PEOPLE OF LEBANON OUR APPRECIATION FOR YOUR  
KIND EXPRESSION OF GOODWILL AND FRIENDSHIP.

3. NO RELEASE INTENDED, BUT NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT  
WISHES TO DO SO. VANCE

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